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Cordially,

Herman Lumpelt
RR6 Box 377
Elk - Ind 46574

Herman & Patricia
Lumpelt

I thank you kindly for what
help you can give us ☺

Ansel Elwell
Box 378 RR6
Elkhart, Ind.
Zip 46514

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DIVISION OF WATER 605

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In this regard I am taking the liberty of conveying your letter to them for further reply.

Very truly yours,

**William J. Steen, Head
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**cc: Oral Hert
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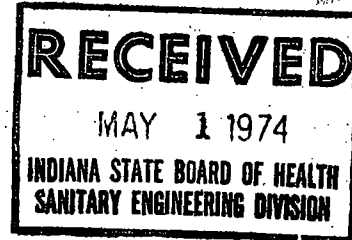
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R.R. #6 Box 377
Elkhart, Indiana 46514**

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Mrs. Patricia Rumfelt
R.R. 6, Box 377
28369 County Road 10, West
Elkhart, IN 46510

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Dr. William T. Paynter, State Health Commissioner, advised me that the staff of the Solid Waste Management Section will re-inspect this site in the near future to determine if this site has been properly closed and covered in accordance with Regulation SPC-18.

Please note that the U. S. Geological Survey is conducting a comprehensive groundwater study of the Elkhart area which will attempt to identify groundwater pollution and its possible sources.

Please advise if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

OTIS R. BOWEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR, STATE OF INDIANA

cc: Elkhart County Commissioners
Elkhart County Health Department
William T. Paynter, M.D.

January 23, 1979

Mrs. Patricia Rumfelt
R.R. 6, Box 377
28369 County Road 10, West
Elkhart, IN 46510

Dear Mrs. Rumfelt:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated
December 20, 1978.

Members of our staff will make a re-investigation of the HIMCO
dump site to see if the site was properly closed and covered in accordance
with the negotiated Agreed Order, and will also investigate the conditions
mentioned in your letter.

Please do not hesitate to call Mr. Dan Magoun or Mr. David
Brown of this office at 317/633-0176, if we can be of further assistance
to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

David D. Lamm, Acting Chief
Solid Waste Management Section
Division of Sanitary Engineering
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cc: Elkhart County Health Department
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

OTIS R. BOWEN, M. D.
GOVERNOR

January 22, 1979

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January 11, 1979

TO: Hon. Otis R. Bowen, M.D.
Governor, State of Indiana

FROM: William T. Paynter, M.D., Secretary
Indiana State Board of Health

SUBJECT: Response to Mrs. Patricia Rumfelt's Correspondence

Please find attached a recommended letter for your response to Mrs. Rumfelt. Included also is a copy of the previous memorandum and correspondence to Mrs. Rumfelt dated April 5, 1977. The U. S. Geological Survey on the groundwater study of the Elkhart area has not been completed as of this date.

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*To OHS for
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**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**OTIS R. BOWEN, M. D.
GOVERNOR**

November 15, 1977

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**Mrs. Patricia Rumfelt
Rural Route 6, Box 377
283-69 County Road 10, West
Elkhart, Indiana 46510**

Dear Mrs. Rumfelt:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning contaminated well water.

Dr. William T. Paynter, State Health Commissioner, advised me that the staff of the Solid Waste Management Section conducted a well water sampling program on October 28, 1977, at the homes adjacent to the Himco Dump on County Road 10. This sampling included your residence, as well as the Wiseman residence. The sample results will be sent to all individuals as soon as laboratory analyses are completed.

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William T. Paynter, M.D.**

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April 5, 1977.

TO: Hon. Otis R. Bowen, M. D.
Governor, State of Indiana

FROM: William T. Paynter, M. D.
State Health Commissioner

SUBJECT: Response to Mrs. Patricia Rumsfelt's Letter
of March 1, 1977

The staff of the Solid Waste Management Section has expended considerable time and effort investigating the complaints and sampling surface and groundwater in the area of the Himco Disposal site. We believe that the best response we can make is to cite a brief history of the situation.

1. The open dump was initially identified on August 24, 1971. General refuse and pharmaceutical wastes (aspirin, Bactine) were deposited in a swampy area northwest of the intersection of County Road 10 and the Nappanee bypass.
2. Several inspections were conducted in 1971 through 1974 to bring the site into compliance with current standards.
3. On April 18, 1974, a representative took water samples of surface water as well as five of six residential wells adjacent to the landfill. The wells are said to be shallow driven wells ranging from 62 feet to 22 feet in depth. No reference was made of the sanitary construction of these wells prior to sampling.
4. On April 26, 1974, we received letters from Mrs. Rumsfelt and three other individuals concerning odorous, cloudy water in their private wells. This was confirmed to be true.
5. Before the water sample testing was completed, our office recommended that Mr. Charles Himes, the owner and operator of the disposal site, provide additional wells for the six affected residents.
6. Water sample results from the April 18, 1974, sampling show the shallow wells to be high in chemical oxygen demand and manganese. Surface water was shown to be grossly contaminated.

7. On November 14, 1974, three additional wells were sampled which were located within one-quarter mile from the site. They were found to be high in manganese (.60 ppm) content.
8. Within a two-week period between May 2, 1974, and May 14, 1974, Mr. Himes had wells drilled for the six residents adjacent to the landfill:
 - a. Warren Wiseman - R.R. #6, Box 379, C.R. #10
 - b. Ansel H. Elwell - R.R. #6, Box 378, C.R. #10
 - c. Robert B. Whitmer - R.R. #6, Box 380, C.R. #10
 - d. Herman Rumsfelt - R.R. #6, Box 377, C.R. #10
 - e. Noble L. Bowers - R.R. #6, Box 382, C.R. #10
 - f. James K. Kolanoski - R.R. #6, Box 381, C.R. #10

These wells were all 152 feet deep or better through a clay barrier which should isolate the n w aquifer. Two of these wells equalled or slightly exceeded the recommended public health service drinking water standard for iron (0.3 ppm and 0.7 ppm).

9. Due to the poor geological characteristics, on July 2, 1974, our office requested that the site cease operation by December 31, 1974. This was later extended to March 1, 1975, at which time only inert materials and calcium sulfate would be deposited.
10. On February 18, 1975, a consent agreement was signed by Mr. Charles Himes, and adopted by the Stream Pollution Control Board. By September 25, 1975, a new landfill was to have been established and the old one closed.
11. Water samples of the deep wells were again taken on May 16, 1975, and all six samples were satisfactory.
12. Our Hearing Commissioner advised us that the Consent Order could be verbally extended until December 1, 1975. Mr. Himes was notified of this decision. The operation was allowed to continue until September 27, 1976, pending zoning appeal and new site preparations.
13. On October 25, 1976, we received a copy of private well water sample results from the six shallow wells of the above individuals. Only Warren Wiseman's new deep well was sampled. The results were satisfactory as in the previous testing.
14. An inspection on September 17, 1976, revealed that refuse is no longer deposited at this site. Final cover (two feet), grading, and seeding, had not been completed.

Summary:

We agree with Mrs. Rumsfelt in that the shallow well water is objectionable to drink. This opinion is based primarily upon the off color and the odor of the well water. Chemical samples indicate a high COD and manganese content. As a result, Himco, Inc., provided deep wells for these individuals which now supply safe water to their homes. A sample of one deep well was supplied to us on October 21, 1976, which indicates that the water is still satisfactory. The Rumsfelts, the Wisemans, the Kolanoskis are now suing Himco, Inc., and several other individuals to recover previous damages. Their requests for water samples may be for use as court evidence in proving their allegations of leachate contamination.

The City of Elkhart has requested that the U.S. Geological Survey conduct an extensive ground water sampling program at two locations within the county. They are concerned whether the Himco Disposal and an industrial disposal site in the eastern area of the county are causing groundwater contamination and, if so, how will they affect the municipal well. The U.S. Geological Survey is scheduled to undertake this project in the spring.

Attachment

Elkhart County Health Unit

315 SO. SECOND STREET
COUNTY BLDG. ANNEX - FRANKLIN ST. ENTRANCE
ELKHART, INDIANA 46514
PHONE 294-1688

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SANITARY ENGINEERING
DIVISION
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

December 9, 1977

Mr. George Oliver
Division of Solid Waste, Room A-302
Indiana State Board of Health
1330 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Re: Himco Landfill
C.R. #26
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Several neighbors in the area of the Himco landfill have complaints about the operation of this landfill. I have spoken with two concerned persons about their complaints:

Mr. William E. Truex - 60173 C.R. 7 South - Ph: 522-5413

Mr. David J. Brenneman - 60093 C.R. 7 South - Ph: 293-8185

Specifically, the complaints are as follows:

1. There are two retention ponds located in the landfill. The pond which is located in the northwest section is tiled into a creek running along the east side of the landfill. The second pond is located in the southern section. It has an overflow pipe which is approximately ten (10) feet long. The discharge from this pipe then flows downhill through the woods and may be reaching Folsom Creek, located approximately 600-700 feet downhill. Folsom Creek flows southeast approximately one (1) mile and reaches Yellow Creek. Yellow Creek reaches the Elkhart River. You should be concerned about this sequence of events, Mr. Oliver.
2. There have been periods of time off and on since the landfill opened that daily cover has not been applied. Sometimes, according to the local residents, gypsum is used as the daily cover.

December 9, 1977

3. The local residents question the requirements on depth of the compaction cells.
4. What are the fencing requirements at the landfill? No fencing was evident on December 7, 1977.
5. The residents are concerned about what is being dumped there. They know that Himco handles waste from Miles Laboratories and Elkhart General Hospital. They are concerned that hazardous wastes are possibly being dumped at the landfill.
6. They are also aware of the well problems encountered near the C.R. #10 Himco landfill. Although they are not aware of any problems with their own wells yet, they are concerned that perhaps the future holds such a catastrophe for them. Many are dairy farmers who require many gallons of water for their operation.

Mr. Oliver, I trust that you will take the appropriate actions in order to investigate this complaint. These residents are sincerely troubled by what they have seen going on at the landfill. Mr. Truex and Mr. Brenneman are willing and eager to be of any possible assistance to you. Of course, they wish to remain anonymous so that Himco will not learn the identity of the specific persons with complaints. Please inform the above-mentioned gentlemen as to what your next steps will be.

We both realize that the Indiana State Board of Health is the responsible agency in the area of landfill operation; the county health department is not. I feel that the residents have a right to complain to you as well as a right to be kept informed through you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at telephone 294-1688, extension 296.

Sincerely,

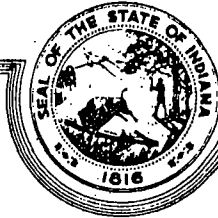
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cc: Mr. William E. Truex
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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

January 19, 1979

Address Reply to:
Indiana State Board of Health
1330 West Michigan Street
P. O. Box 1964
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Mr. Dave Pearson
WBT, Inc.
P.O. Box 354
Celina, OH 45822

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Re: Addition to Monitoring Parameters

The Stream Pollution Control Board recently granted approval to WBT to accept a large volume of lead-bearing waste at the Metropolitan Sanitary Landfill pending approval from the local health department. If local approval has been granted or is imminent, you are hereby notified that total lead is to be added to the list of chemical monitoring parameters provided in my letter to Luke Voskuhl dated November 20, 1978. All parameters are to be monitored quarterly according to the specifications outlined in that correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding this addition to the monitoring parameter list, please feel free to contact Mr. Jim King of this office at AC 317/633-0176.

Very truly yours,

David D. Lamm, Acting Chief
Solid Waste Management Section
Division of Sanitary Engineering
AC 317/633-0176

JMKing/lgf
cc: Delaware County Health Department
Dr. David Howard

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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Address Reply to:
Indiana State Board of Health
1330 West Michigan Street
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September 28, 1976

Mr. Gerald Goss
27991 C.R. 10 W, Route 6
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Dear Mr. Goss:

Re: Correspondence of September 16, 1976
Old Himco Dump, Elkhart, Elkhart County

This is in reference to your letter of September 16, 1976, concerning the Himco Waste Away Dump on C.R. 10.

This site is now undergoing final closure proceedings. Soon this area will be given a final cover of two feet of soil, graded and seeded to prevent erosion. Refuse is no longer deposited at this site.

We recommend that you contact the Elkhart County Health Department to have them take water samples from your well to determine its quality for the health and welfare of yourself and your family.

Please note that there are currently legal proceedings against the Himco Waste Away, Inc. If it is your intent to initiate a similar action you should contact your attorney for the correct procedures to document your case.

Very truly yours,

David D. Lamm, Acting Chief
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Division of Sanitary Engineering

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cc: Elkhart County Health Department
Elkhart County Commissioners
Water Supply Section

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INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF WATER
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March 11, 1977

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27991 CR-10W, Rt#6
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Mr. Brian Opel
Division of Water 605
1130 W Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Opel:

Re: Correspondence of September 28, 1976,
Water Condition from HIMCO Dump

In your letter of September 28, 1976, concerning the condition of our water and drainage, you recommended I contact the Elkhart County Health Department for samples from my well to determine its quality.

As a taxpayer of Elkhart County, I am surprised at the manner in which my problem has been handled. From the water quality analysis they recommended I contact the Indiana State Board of Health, Solid Waste Section. I feel this could be an endless procedure of referrals. I contacted you first.

I am not in a position to take legal action against HIMCO Waste Away. I feel it is the duty of Elkhart County or the State of Indiana to take care of this condition, which is getting progressively worse. Our waste water is running out on top of the ground because of the poor drainage condition. Our well water is contaminated as the analysis shows. The alkali content is high because of the dump. It is unfit to drink, take a bath in, or even wash clothes.

The dump has not been covered, graded, or seeded. Even this would not take care of our problem. I invite anyone concerned to come and see our problem. If legal action is the only recourse, an attorney will be contacted for correct procedures to document our case.

Sincerely,

Garold L. Goss

cc: HIMCO Waste Away Service
Miles Laboratories
David D. Lamm, Acting Chief
Solid Waste Section

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January 26, 1977

Mr. Mike Terlep
Elkhart Water Works
130 South Main Street
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Dear Mr. Terlep:

Re: Water Sample Results Request
Himco Dump, Elkhart County

Please find enclosed the well water sample results from the Himco Dump area which you requested on January 17, 1977.

New wells were drilled for the following individuals on May 9, 1974, and they were to a depth of approximately 150 feet.

1. Kolawoski residence
2. Bowers residence
3. Herman Rumsfelt residence
4. Whitmer residence
5. Elwell residence

They previously utilized rather shallow wells to supply their water.

If you have any further questions you may contact this office.

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Division of Sanitary Engineering

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Enclosures

cc: Elkhart County Health Department
Elkhart County Commissioners

2A
April 4, 1977

Mr. Gerald Goss
27991 County Road 10 West
Route 6
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Dear Mr. Goss:

Re: Correspondence of March 11, 1977
Well Water Contamination
Elkhart, Elkhart County

Thank you for your inquiry of March 11, 1977, concerning the well water problems which you were experiencing.

In response to your request, we are planning a well water sampling program along with a sanitary well survey in the very near future. You will be contacted in advance of when this sampling is to occur. If you have any further questions, contact Mr. George Oliver or myself at AC 317/633-6400.

Very truly yours,

David D. Lamm, Acting Chief
Solid Waste Management Section
Division of Sanitary Engineering
AC 317/633-6400

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cc: Elkhart County Health Department
Elkhart County Commissioners
Mr. Neil Ott

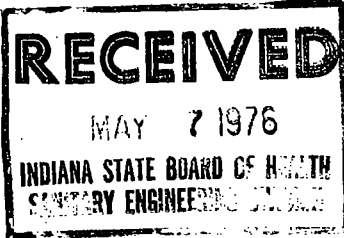
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for Himes Co Site

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May 6, 1976

Dave,

Here's the letter You wanted a copy of.

Let me reinterate that I'd appreciate being informed of the developments in the situation and a copy of the information you send out. Additionally, I'd appreciate being informed of decisions concerning the new Himes land fill.

Thanks for the cooperation. Now all I have to do is sort the whole thing out.

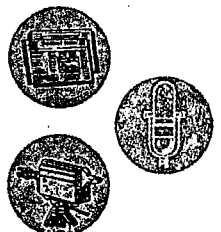
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Raymond Raney

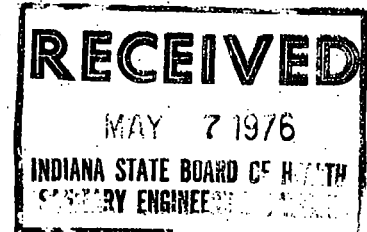


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March 28, 1974



Mr. Carl Hart, Director
Water Pollution Control Division
Indiana State Board of Health
1830 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Re: Water Sample

I am sending you a sample of water from one of about six wells on County Road #10 near the Hiles Landfill. We are running bacteriological, B. C. D., D. C. and chemical analysis tests, but do not feel that these will be adequate, since the problem may be more involved than this.

A couple of years ago, a red water condition prevailed in the marshy areas to the west of the Hiles Landfill. It broke into the St. Joseph River, but there was no fish kill. The red water was as dense as water base paints. It turned out that it had been caused by an algae or bacteria that gave off oxygen as a by-product, so it did not create a fish kill. This was the information obtained from the Indiana State Board of Health at that time.

Medical waste from Hiles Laboratories is disposed of in this landfill; this may be related to the water problem. We would appreciate any assistance your department can give.

Yours truly,

Jay H. Sawyer, R.P.S.
Chief Sanitarian

JS:cm

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

INDIANAPOLIS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 19, 1976

FROM: George Oliver *GO*

TO: File *2A*

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with
Mr. Richard Herron

On October 18, 1976, I spoke with Mr. Richard Herron, the attorney for Mrs. Patricia Rumsfelt in Elkhart. Mr. Herron requested that our office test three additional wells that have not previously been tested. He wishes for these three samples to be extensive tests. I believe they may be used in a pending court suit against Himco Waste Away and Miles Labs.

Mr. Herron asked if I thought that the landfill contaminated the wells and I said, "It is likely that it could have happened." Afterwards, he said that I probably will be subpoenaed for court. Mr. Herron is waiting for a reply as to whether we will run the well water samples and what tests will be performed.

Mr. Richard Herron may be reached at AC 219/294-1516, Elkhart exchange.

GO/sjk

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

INDIANAPOLIS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 1974

FROM: Roland P. Dove

TO: Oral H. Hert

SUBJECT: Well Water Complaint
Near Himes Dump

In response to your note of April 26, 1974, relative to the complaints of six citizens who reside near the Himes Dump, we contacted the county health department and the operator of the dump, Himes Company. The wells which the six residents use are shallow driven wells, approximately 22 feet deep. There does appear to be a connection between the dump operation and the deterioration in the quality of the water supplying these wells. Himes Company is now in the process of drilling new wells for each of these residents. These wells will be drilled through the first water level into the second water to a depth of approximately 120 feet. We have cautioned the well driller relative to the need for proper well construction so that the second water is adequately protected.

It should be noted that the Himes Dump is used almost exclusively by Miles Laboratories for disposal of their waste materials. About one year ago we met with representatives of Himes Company and were promised at that time that the dump would be properly phased out.

We shall contact Himes Company immediately relative to their time schedule for properly closing and covering this dump.

Regarding the complaint at Corydon, we contacted the county sanitarian regarding Shireman pushing refuse into Indian Creek. The sanitarian was somewhat upset that the clerk treasurer had called us instead of him, but promised to take care of the situation that day. Doyle was to follow up and will report when he is in the office tomorrow.

RPD/mc

cc: Robert W. Heider
Brian W. Opel
Chris Balovic

2A
November 20, 1972

Charles Hines, Jr.
c/o Waste-a-Way
Wildwood
Bart, Indiana 46514

Dear Mr. Hines:

Re: Our Meeting on October 30, 1972

During the course of our meeting on October 30, 1972, concerning the final disposition of the leachate from your landfill operation, the following items were agreed upon:

- a. The company (Miles Laboratories) will proceed with arrangements to collect the leachate, and utilize either spray irrigation or ridge and furrow irrigation for disposal of the liquid.
- b. The company will obtain soil borings around the problem area to obtain subsoil characteristics.
- c. The company will place well points to the south of the landfill site to the first ground water table for the purpose of determining characteristics of that ground water.

Please keep this office informed as to any progress made concerning the above items.

Very truly yours,

Samuel L. Moore, Director
Division of Water Pollution Control

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cc: Elkhart County Health Department
Elmer Hartgerink

2A
August 28, 1972

Mr. Charles Himes, Jr.
P. O. Box 774
Elkhart, Indiana 46504

Dear Mr. Himes:

Re: Disposal Operations
C. R. 10 and Fort Wayne Road
Elkhart, Elkhart County

On August 15, 1972, Mr. David D. Lamm, a representative of this office and Mr. Lawrence Hawkins of the Elkhart County Health Department made an inspection of the above-referenced operation.

During the course of inspection several deficiencies were noted:

1. Areas of the fill had no cover, or cover was of an insufficient depth.
2. Refuse was being dumped into standing water. Under no circumstance should refuse be deposited in standing water.
3. Materials from Miles Laboratories were deposited without cover. It is our understanding that this material consists of calcium sulfate and mycelin.
4. Cover material was high in granular soils.

The operations at this site are unsatisfactory. They are not in conformance with the "Minimum Requirements for the Selection and Operation of a Sanitary Landfill," copy enclosed. Refuse must be compacted and covered daily with a minimum of six inches of compacted soil. Refuse must not be dumped into standing water or brought into contact with the ground water table. Calcium sulfate and mycelin from Miles Laboratory must be covered daily with a minimum of six inches of soil.

The limitations of this site render it unsuitable for solid waste disposal. We urge that operations at this site be phased out. We recommend utilizing the Elkhart County landfill located on C. R. 7, 1 1/2 miles south of C. R. 20 or that a more suitable site be located and properly engineered plans and specifications be submitted to this office for approval.

Mr. Charles Himes, Jr.

August 28, 1972

If there are any questions please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Roland P. Dove, Chief
General Sanitation Section
Division of Sanitary Engineering
AC 317/633-4393

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cc: Miles Laboratory
Elkhart County Health Department
Elkhart County Commissioners
Mr. Robert Huitema
Industrial Waste Section